

## "OPHIR" IN AFRICA

DR. PETERS CONFIDENT HE HAS FOUND FAMOUS LAND.

Well-Known Explorer Brings Forward Many Arguments to Prove Claims of Dark Continent to Distinction.

Dr. Carl Peters, so well known in connection with the opening up of Africa, has started on a lecturing tour in Germany with two objects in view—first, to win recruits to the cause of German expansion in the dark continent; second, to prove that he has found the famous gold land of Ophir.

The reader who has forgotten where the word "Ophir" occurs will find it in the biblical books of Kings and Chronicles. One thousand years before Christ King David and the wise Solomon, his son, sent to Ophir ships which brought back from thence gold and precious stones, ivory and valuable timber, which these magnificent rulers employed in building their gorgeous temples and palaces.

Peters began to think of this subject after he had discovered an old Flemish map of the eighteenth century on which he saw the word "Ophir" printed across one of the least-known districts of southern Central Africa. The first thing that struck him was the similarity of the names Africa and Ophir. There was first the Arabic word Afr (Ophir), which when Latinized became Afer. It was an easy translation from Afer to Africa. He thought further and deeper and began to read Christian tradition. All pointed to South Africa.

The ancient literature he read made Peters also acquainted with the fact that at all ages since Solomon's time Ophir had been sought in numerous parts of the world—in Arabia, Persia, Mesopotamia, India; it had even been sought in America, and there are ancient Spanish records which state that among the early conquistadores of Peru and Mexico were not a few who believed that they had found not only El Dorado but Ophir as well.

Suddenly it occurred to Peters that the famous gold land must be in the neighborhood of Simbabwe in southeast Africa. It was an inspiration.

He was attacked for this belief, and theologians and others with a different theory cast on him the reproach that he was not a Semitic scholar.

But he maintained that he was right. The ships of Solomon, he said, passed through the Red sea and skirted the coast of Africa until they arrived at their port. And they certainly must have brought back millions in gold.

Only Africa could have produced that quantity of gold. Arabia and India have never produced gold in remarkable quantities.

In his description of the Zambesi territory Peters says he has seen innumerable traces which compel him to believe that there and nowhere else was the land of Ophir. Forsaken mines by the score are there, and no less than 75,000 places where gold has been dug at depths of from 30 to 40 feet. Ruins of towns and villages, remains of temples and palaces speak eloquently of the past glories of the region.

They point moreover to Phoenician origin. Mighty terraces and towers raised by the hand of man are still traceable. These builders were certainly of a race superior to the negro. One still finds in the graves remnants of things which point to the worship of Baal.

But Peters' weightiest argument is that in the Septuagint translation of the Bible Ophir is called Sofala, and the Arabs to the present day call the Zambesi district indifferently Sofala and "the land of gold."

Diana of Philadelphia. At the mint in Philadelphia there are to be seen coins far more precious than any which find their way into circulation. These form a collection of curios, and many of them date from times of great antiquity.

Perhaps the most interesting of them is a handsome coin bearing on its face the profile of a woman, which has a striking resemblance to the Goddess of Liberty of our own country. Underneath is the single word "Demos," which is the Greek for "the people."

On the reverse side of the coin is a beautiful figure of the Goddess Diana, arching her bow, and the inscription, translated into English, reads, Diana, Friend of the Philadelphians.

This coin was minted some 2,000 years ago at the city of Philadelphia, in Asia Minor, where, as we know, there grew up in later years one of the seven churches of which St. John writes. The prize was discovered some years ago in Europe by a Mr. Mickle of Philadelphia. By him it was appropriately presented to the mint at Philadelphia.

### Just Naturally Lazy.

"Do you mean to tell me you have lived in this out-of-the-way place for 20 years?"

"That's right, stranger; 20 years."

"But I don't see what you find to keep you busy?"

"Nothing, stranger. That's the reason I like it."

### Willing toelope.

Said She—"If we appear together so much people will talk about us."

Said He—"Well, suppose we disappear together."

## LOCAL LORE.

Eat Sowles' candy.

V. G. Lyford went to Lincoln Monday night.

Dr. Kerr made a business trip to Kansas City Monday.

Hermes Bros. are still paying 10 cents per pound for hens.

Bruno Hansen of Omaha Sunday with his wife at Dr. Kerr's.

Mrs. Paul of Rulo was in the city visiting her friends Tuesday.

Frank Werner has been having a hard tussle with the grip this week.

Friday the 13th. Of course something fearful is bound to happen.

George Hall of Verdon was transacting business in this city Tuesday.

Sheriff Fenton was a business visitor in Humboldt the first of the week.

Wonder if H. C. Smith will inaugurate another lawn contest this summer.

The Falls City Nursery will have a fine lot of trees for the spring trade. 1tf

Dr. H. Brandon the piano tuner made a professional trip to Barada Monday.

About 500 people visited the various departments in our public schools, last Friday, patron's day.

Our street commissioner with a gang of men has been doing some very effective work with his road drag this week.

Mrs. J. G. Ranger returned home Monday after a week spent in this city with her daughter Mrs. E. E. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Genne and daughter Georgea and Dr. Huff of Kansas City spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leyda.

Mrs. Ella E. J. Paton of Fullerton, Neb., came down to attend the Dr. McMillan funeral. She is an old time friend of the family.

Ducks have been very plentiful during the past week, so if you can't find the man you are looking for, you can make up your mind he is hunting.

Ferd Harlow returned Monday from quite an extended trip through New Mexico. He visited many points of interest while away and reports a very pleasant time.

The season of sale bills is at hand and the Tribune wishes to state that we are prepared to print sale bills while you wait, and do as good work and at as low figures as you can get any place. 7-tf

Salem citizens are up in arms. They have a "Peeping Tom" who amuses himself by looking in windows. A number of the men gave chase one evening last week but did not succeed in catching the offender. When they do, well look out.

Mr. Glaze of the firm of McCumber & Glaze of Preston, was in town Friday. This firm have embarked in the implement business in Preston, and being good business men, realize they cannot hope to succeed without advertising, so will tell the farmers all about their stock of goods through the Tribune. They want your trade and are asking for it.

Anton Smith and son Ed went to St. Paul, Minn., last Thursday night, for the purpose of interviewing specialists in regard to artificial arms for the latter. At the last report the arms had been fitted and were very satisfactory, but Ed will remain with the specialists for a time until he becomes thoroughly versed in the use of these artificial members. That Ed will return home with two good, practical arms is sincerely hoped by his many friends here.

### Private Money.

Private money to loan on Real Estate. Mortgages bought and sold. Call at First National Bank. 3-tf A. J. WEAVER.

John Ross is still confined to his home with a very sore arm. About two weeks ago Mr. Ross crushed one of his fingers but did not anticipate any trouble from it, but in a few days a very bad case of blood poison developed, which at this time has affected his whole arm. While everything possible is being done to check the terrible disease, Mr. Ross is at this time undergoing a great deal of suffering.

Let everybody get busy now and clean up their yard of the winter accumulation of tin cans, ashes and all other rubbish so unsightly. Let's have a nice clean city. There is nothing which gives a stranger such a good impression of a town as pretty yards.

Henry Patterson, formerly of Humboldt, but now of Grand Junction, Colo., has been spending a short time with friends at his old home. Being so near, he could not resist a visit to this city Wednesday. The Tribune acknowledges a pleasant call.

Rev. R. Cooper Bailey, Ph. D. is making some very substantial improvements on his property on North Stone street in the way of an addition, porches, etc., and when completed will have one of the nicest residence properties in our city.

Max Werner last week severed his connection with the News. Max says he is not sorry he learned the trade, but has decided to stick to his music, and left this week for Seneca, Kan., where he has accepted a lucrative position in a music store.

Charley Sharts and wife returned to their home in Kansas City today after several weeks visit in this city with their parents Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sharts. Charley will again take up his work on the Kansas City Star, after his much needed rest.

Mrs. Georgie Cummings is the proprietor of the new millinery store opened in our city. She will succeed as she realizes the value of printers ink and talks to the people through the Tribune this week.

O. C. Avers of Humboldt called while in the city Friday and contributed materially to our cash fund. He can read the Tribune with a clear conscience for the next two years.

As a mark of esteem, all business houses were closed from 2 to 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the hour for the funeral of Dr. T. C. McMillan.

Don't fail to see the display of all the latest styles in Spring Millinery at the Patzman Sisters, Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13.

Wm. Brandow of Humboldt was a business visitor in our city last Friday and made the Tribune a pleasant call.

The Falls City Nursery that has always sold the best trees, have a fine lot of trees for the spring trade. 1tf

Tom McLane returned Monday night from Kansas City, where he had been visiting his wife for a few days.

Rev. Teeter returned Monday night from Beaver City where he assisted in revival meetings.

Levi McBride of Champion, Neb., is another who added his name to our list this week.

Asa Rodgers is one of the many to add their name to our list during the past week. Next.

W. D. Easley, the lumberman from Kansas City, is spending a few days in this city.

Reavis Gist returned Sunday from a few days visit with relatives in Lincoln.

Mrs. E. E. Scott is much better after quite a serious sick spell last week.

It is about time to commence our annual good roads talk.

Hermes Bros. are still paying 10 cents per pound for hens.

Mrs. D. W. Reid was among the sick this week.

Jack White of Fortescue, Mo., spent Friday in this city.

We understand another moving picture show is soon to be opened in our city.

Everett Scott bagged a couple of geese as the result of a few hours shooting Friday.

Miss Jessie Paxton will sing the offertory solo at the Episcopal church on Sunday evening.

Special attention given to the treatment of the eye. Glasses correctly fitted by Dr. Reneker.

Mrs. James Davis of Humboldt spent the past week in this city the guest of Mrs. George Schmuel.

Mrs. Joy Beyette and children of Nebraska City are in the city visiting at the home of L. Beasley.

Dr. M. L. Wilson, Physician and Surgeon. Office and residence over McMillan's drug store. Phone 329. 2tf.

Mr. Nunn, the minstrel man, will arrive in the city today and commence work at once on the big Elk minstrel show.

Harry Jenne and wife returned Tuesday from Kansas City where they have been for some time in the interest of his health.

The Tribune has received many favorable comments on the Lenten article which was contributed to these columns last week.

Don't miss the treat offered by the Candy Kitchen Saturday, March 14th of chocolate nut and cream fudge at 10c a pound.

About a dozen gentlemen came down from Verdon Friday night to witness degree work with the I. O. O. F. goat in this city.

Little Petie Harnack came over from Hiawatha Saturday and remained over Sunday with his grandparents in this city.

It is no great credit to a man when he says he never worries. Perhaps if he worried a little some one else might have a rest.

The Patzman Sisters invite you to see the display of everything, up-to-date, in Spring Millinery, Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13.

Chocolate Nut and Cream Fudge 10c a pound Saturday, March 14th, at the Candy Kitchen. Don't forget and then regret that you didn't get some.

Brethren Church—Next Sunday morning Rev. R. R. Teeter will preach upon the subject, Making Salvation Sure. His subject for Sunday evening will be, Modern preaching, its weakness and its strength. The public is invited to all these services.

Rev. R. R. Teeter returned home from Beaver City Tuesday where he conducted a very successful two week's revival meeting in the Brethren church. His meeting for men only on Sunday afternoon, March 1st, was pronounced the largest and best of its kind ever held in Beaver City.

Salem people are organizing a base ball team for the coming summer, and expect to have at least one game a week. The business men came to the front and made this an assured fact by pledging enough cash to meet the expenses. Is Falls City going to set idly by and see little old Salem support a ball team, and we do nothing with all the talent we have at hand? Get busy.

Humboldt now boasts of a "Good Citizens' League," a club having for its purpose the promotion of civic righteousness in that town and community. It has a membership of about 40, including some of the best citizens, and expect to make the organization a permanent thing by electing officers and carrying on such work as is advisable. The club is sure to do much good work as they have a large field to draw from. They might include Falls City in their jurisdiction.

## At The Christian Church.

Remember the "Business Meeting" and election of officers next Sunday, March 15th at 11 a. m. In the evening at 7:30 a lecture sermon, "The coming woman, what she is coming to what she will be when she comes." Hear about her.

## Marriage License

Elbert Delong, Barada.....26  
Fannie Shafer, Barada.....19  
E. Shepley, Richardson Co., 26  
Emma Stauffer, " ".....20  
Roy Adams, Stella.....26  
Elizabeth Jarrett, Stella.....19  
Herman Ruck, Falls City.....24  
Kate Weitek, Barada.....17

Will Pickett arrived from Rosalia, Wash., on Monday for a visit with relatives and his many old friends in this city. Will is one of the many Falls City boys who is making a mark for himself, being bookkeeper in one of the banks at Rosalia, which position he has held for some time. This is his first visit to his old home in a number of years and he is much surprised at the many changes. He is enjoying every minute of his stay, talking over the good old school boy days with his old friends.

If you look over the many bargains offered by our merchants in the Tribune this week, you can readily see there is no excuse for sending to mail order houses for anything. Our merchants can furnish you anything you want, and quality considered, cheaper than you can buy it in any city.

Grant Goolsby of Verdon, who is just like clock work when it comes to paying his subscription, made his annual visit Monday. Mr. Goolsby says he couldn't get along without the Tribune, hence his promptness. The satisfied subscriber is the one to tie to.

Everyone should attend the debate at the court house this evening. The subject is a good one, and as the young people have given it a great deal of study, no doubt they can give the older ones much food for thought.

Bruce Dixon and family who moved to Rosalia, Kas., about a year ago, but came back here recently for a short visit, left Wednesday for Modesta, Calif., where they will make their future home.

L. Knickerbocker went to Savannah, Mo., Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Frank Knickerbocker, who will spend a week with old friends and relatives.

Orrie Ross and wife spent Monday in this city as guests of the former's parents. Mr. Ross is now waxing rich as manager of a newspaper in Nelson, Neb.

G. M. Ellis of Preston is among the large list of satisfied subscribers who remembered us in a substantial way during the past week.

A new and complete line of spring and summer Millinery on display at Miss Wittrock's store.

This weather has been pretty nice but we would advise you to keep your base burners going for a short time yet.

Rob Gantt came down from the State University Saturday and spent Sunday with his father in this city.

John Gilligan went to Columbus, Neb., Monday to look after business matters.

Mrs. Henry Meyers visited relatives in Auburn this week.

Rev. George Hawley of Auburn was in our city Tuesday.

## Notice of Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the district court, in and for Richardson County and State of Nebraska, under the seal of said court, dated on the 11th day of March, 1908, and to me directed as sheriff of said county, to be executed, I will on Monday, the 23rd day of April, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day at the west door of the court house in the city of Falls City, in said county and state, offer for sale at public vendue, and sell to the highest and best bidder, the property described in said order of sale, to wit: Seventy-two (72) feet of the west end of lots 13, 14, 15, 16, and ten feet (10 ft) of south side of lot 17, all in block 58, City of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, in said county, to satisfy a judgment of said court, with interests and costs recovered by John Wilton and one by Edwin S. Towle against Daniel H. Blakeney and Barbara Blakeney.

Terms of sale, cash.  
Given under my hand at Falls City, Nebraska, this 11th day of March, 1908.  
S-5t W. T. FENTON, Sheriff.

## Spring Jewelry!

Call and see the new patterns in—

Bracelets  
Necklaces  
Beauty Pins  
Cuff Links  
Guard Chains  
Rings, Etc.

We solicit your patronage.

A. E. Jacquet

"The Old Reliable Jeweler"

WAS THROUGH WITH RUM.

When Stuff Steals Away Man's Senses It Was Time to Quit.

"I'm through with the drink thing forever," remarked the smooth-faced man with the little nub of a cigar in that same tone that the hero uses down at the Cleveland theater when he says: "Yes, I'm goin' away from hyah forever!" The smooth-faced man was just that positive about it.

"Nope," he said, as he brushed the ashes off his coat lapel, "the rum proposition leads only to mortification, and ruin. When a man gets so he pushes the bottom and don't know it—when it comes to a situation like that, it's time—"

"Wait!" broke in the little chap with the flat-top soft hat. "Just pause and slip back up the track about a car length! When you tell anything kindly begin at the table of contents; then go to chapter one, and so on, will yuh? You talk like a busted down phonograph."

"As I was about to say," went on the man with the nub of a cigar, just as if no one had stopped him, "when we got through settling the street railway question and a few other matters of moment that had to be disposed of before the bunch broke away last night, it was lacking just a few minutes of being 2:30 o'clock. When I got home I says to myself: 'Why wake up little wifey when she needs the sleep?'"

"Acting on that suggestion, I took off my shoes just before I started to climb up the steps to our front porch, wondering to myself all the time how much of a discount I'd be able to deduct from the time I came home when I spoke of it at the breakfast table next morning."

"I walked up to the door just as quietly as a cat—and then rang the doorbell. Yeh, I just pressed the little electric button, and then I came to. I had my key in my pocket all the time! It wasn't more'n a minute till my wife opened the door and saw me standing there, shoes in hand. 'Without going into any more details, is it any wonder I'm sore on the stuff that steals away men's senses?'"

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Maybe So.

Squiggs—Why do they call these interurban cars "limited?"  
Squaggs—Because such a small number of people who travel on them get to their destination alive.—Toledo Blade.

## New Spring Millinery

Having decided to locate in Falls City, I will on

## Saturday, MARCH 14th

open for inspection one of the most complete lines of Spring and Summer Millinery ever brought to this city.

Remember everything is New, Up-to-Date and includes the Latest Styles from the elegant Pattern Hats to the more modest ones for street wear.

## Our Prices Are Reasonable

We invite you to call on us and we know we can please you.

Mrs. GEORGIA CUMMINGS

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